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Mr. K Boasted U.S. Agents Work for Reds, His L.A. Guide Charges

Soviet Premier Khrushchev bragged during his Los Angeles visit that the Russians have top-secret U.S. codes and have intercepted important diplomatic communiques, it was charged yesterday.

Referring to the American Central Intelligence Agency as "a farce," Khrushchev also boasted that U.S. agents in Europe and the Middle East also are working for the Soviet Union.

The claims of the Communist leader were related here by Victor M. Carter, president of Republic Productions, Inc., and a member of the Los Angeles Fire Commission. Carter served briefly, as a guide for Khrushchev during his visit here.

Carter, who is fluent in his native Russian, accompanied Khrushchev, Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Soviet Ambassador Menshikov on an automobile tour of San Fernando Valley realty developments.

"The Soviet premier told Mr. Lodge that his government knew the contents of a ... present secret message sent by President Eisenhower to Prime Minister Nehru of India, Carter said.

He also said that his government "intercepted a secret message from the Shah of Iran to President Eisenhower."

When Lodge expressed doubt that the Russians were in possession of these secret messages, Khrushchev offered to send copies of the document to Lodge to prove his point.

(In New York, Lodge refused to comment and would not say whether he had received copies of the documents from Khrushchev.)

Carter quoted Khrushchev as saying, "Your agents in Europe and the Middle East

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give us your codebooks and then we send false information back to you through your code. Then we send cables asking for money and you send it to us."

"You're wasting your money. You might as well send it direct to us instead of the middleman because we get most of it anyway," the Russian leader reportedly quipped.

When Allen Dulles, head of the CIA, met Khrushchev in Washington at the start of his American tour, the Russian premier greeted him with a similar statement.

("I know you," Khrushchev said on being introduced to Dulles. "I read the same reports you do. Russia and the United States could save money by pooling their intelligence service. Then we won't have to pay twice for the same information.")

Carter said he relayed information about Khrushchev's remarks to CIA and was questioned very thoroughly by a CIA agent last Monday.

(Dulles is on a tour of early warning radar bases in the Arctic and was not available for comment. CIA headquarters in Washington declined comment.)

Hagerty Comment

At La Quinta, where President Eisenhower is recuperating from a cold, his press secretary, James C. Hagerty, said he would not dignify the story with any comment.

Yesterday, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who also heard the story from Carter, demanded a congressional investigation of CIA. In a letter to Senate majority leader Lyndon Johnson and House speaker Sam Rayburn, Hahn asked for the investigation because of the "potential threat to the security and safety of the United States."

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